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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES CONTINUES SERIES OF CONFERENCES FOR SMALL AND MINORITY BUSINESSES

*Agency partners with Maryland Judiciary and St. Mary's College of Maryland to host
Southern Maryland conference*

BALTIMORE, MD (April 25, 2003) -- The Maryland Department of Human Resources (DHR), Office of Employment and Program Equity, in cooperation with the Maryland Judiciary and St. Mary's College of Maryland, will host a Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and Small Business Outreach.

This collaborative event will expand partnerships with small, minority and women-owned community businesses and will provide them access to vital information for doing business with DHR, the State of Maryland and the public/private sectors.

The event will be held on Friday, June 13, 2003 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Mary's College of Maryland, Montgomery Hall, located at 18952 East Fisher Road, in historic St. Mary's City, Maryland.

There will be workshops on technical and financial assistance and a representative from the State's MBE Certification Unit will be on hand to walk participants through the certification process. Private sector business owners are encouraged to exhibit, for a fee of \$40.00, and showcase their products and/or services while interacting with potential customers. There is no fee to attend the workshops, but space is limited.

For more information on this and future events, please contact Sharon M. Jackson, MBE Administrator at (410) 767-8812.

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